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## **WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE ON FFY 2016 LABOR-HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES- EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS LEGISLATION**

### **Executive Summary**

This memorandum is to provide the Board with an update on Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 Labor-Health and Human Services (HHS)-Education appropriations legislation, which was approved by the House Appropriations Committee on June 24, 2015, and the Senate Appropriations Committee on June 25, 2015.

Both bills fund the vast majority of programs through which the County receives funding from the Departments of Labor and HHS at or near their FFY 2015 levels. Only two programs through which the County receives funding have their funding levels changed by more than 10 percent in either bill:

- The Title X Family Planning Program through which the County currently receives \$688,300 a year is eliminated in the House bill, and is reduced by 10.14 percent from \$286.5 million in FFY 2015 to \$257.5 million in the Senate bill.
- The Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention Program through which the County currently receives roughly \$3.4 million a year is reduced by 20.34 percent from \$157.3 million in FFY 2015 to \$125.3 million in the Senate bill, and is funded at its FFY 2015 funding level in the House bill.

The House has not scheduled its FFY 2016 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill for floor action. It is all but certain that the Senate will not pass its version, and that a Continuing Resolution will be enacted to temporarily fund Federal programs in the early part of FFY 2016. The Senate has not passed a Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill since October 23, 2007.

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### **Funding Levels for Programs of County Interest in House and Senate Bills**

The House Appropriations Committee approved its FFY 2016 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill on June 24, 2015, while the Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version (S. 1695) on June 25, 2015. The House bill is unnumbered as the House Appropriations Committee has not yet reported the bill.

Both bills fund the vast majority of programs through which the County receives funding at or near their FFY 2015 levels. Funding levels for only two programs through which the County receives funding are changed by more than 10 percent in either bill:

**Title X Family Planning:** The House bill eliminates Title X funding while the Senate bill cuts its funding by 10.14 percent from \$286.5 million in FFY 2015 to \$257.5 million. The County's Department of Health Services was awarded a Title X grant of \$688,300 for calendar year 2014.

**Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Prevention:** The Senate bill reduces STD Prevention funding by 20.34 percent from \$157.3 million to \$125.3 million while the House version maintains its funding at the FFY 2015 level. The County's STD allocation is roughly \$3.4 million a year.

Programs through which the County receives funding for which funding levels differ by more than 3 percent from FFY 2015 in either bill include:

**Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant:** The House bill increases PHEP funding by 4.88 percent from \$643.6 million to \$675 million while the Senate version keeps its funding at the FFY 2015 level. The County, which is one of only four local governments that receive direct PHEP funding, receives a PHEP allocation of roughly \$19.8 million a year.

**Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA):** Funding for WIOA formula grants are reduced by roughly 5 percent in the Senate bill, and kept at their FFY 2015 funding levels in the House bill. In the Senate bill, Adult Grant funding is cut from \$776.7 million in FFY 2015 to \$737 million, Youth funding from \$831.8 million to \$790 million, and Dislocated Worker funding from \$1.06 billion to \$965 million. The County's Workforce Investment Board's (WIB) funding would be reduced by an additional 5 percent in the Senate bill because it increases the percentage of each state's WIOA allocation that can be reserved by a Governor for statewide workforce investment activities from 10 percent in FFY 2015 to 15 percent. The Governor's reserve is increased to 11 percent in the House version. The County's WIB's formula grant allocations total roughly \$32.6 million in FFY 2015.

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**Title V Community Service Employment for Older Americans:** The Senate bill reduces Title V funding by 7.91 percent from \$434.4 million to \$400 million while the House version maintains its funding at the FFY 2015 level. The County's Title V allocation is roughly \$1.8 million for FFY 2015.

The Senate and/or House FFY 2016 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bills include increased discretionary funding for two programs of County interest, though the County itself does not receive funding through these programs.

**Head Start:** Funding for Head Start increases by \$100 million from about \$8.6 billion to \$8.7 billion in the Senate bill and by \$192 million to nearly \$8.8 billion in the House bill.

**Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG):** Discretionary CCDBG funding is increased by \$150 million from \$2.435 billion to \$2.585 billion in the Senate bill while the House bill maintains its funding at the FFY 2015 level. The larger Child Care Entitlement funding of \$2.917 billion a year expires at the end of FFY 2015. The President has proposed increasing entitlement funding to nearly \$6.6 billion in FFY 2016. However, similar to recent years when the President requested increased Child Care Entitlement funding, it is expected that its funding, instead, will be extended at its current level for one year in the same bill which extends the expiring Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program.

### **Legislative Outlook**

The House has not scheduled its FFY 2016 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill for floor action. It is all but certain that the Senate will not pass its version and that a Continuing Resolution will be enacted to temporarily fund Federal programs in the early part of FFY 2016. Congressional Democrats and the Obama Administration support higher overall discretionary spending levels than the sequestered spending caps set by the Budget Control Act of 2011 that are being used by the Republican majority in both houses. Moreover, the Senate has not passed any Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill since October 23, 2007.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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